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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 1, delete the cross-reference section at lines 4-16 and substitute the following in place thereof:

--This application claims the benefit of Provisional Patent Application Serial Nos. 60/018,563 filed May 29, 1996 entitled "Method and Apparatus for Document Identification and Authentication", 60/034,954 filed January 16, 1997 entitled "Method and Apparatus for Document Processing", and 60/038,340 filed February 27, 1997 entitled "Method and Apparatus for Document Processing," all now abandoned.

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